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Yavapai County Hosts Legislative Summit

From Wednesday through Friday of last week (9/29 – 10/1) Yavapai County had the opportunity to host the annual County Supervisors Association Legislative Summit and nearly every County Board of Supervisor from each of the fifteen counties in Arizona.

Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Chairman Craig Brown said, "Again this year, the County Supervisors from all of Arizona have come together and established goals for our state legislators. We will see if they can meet the challenges we have identified."

The summit began Wednesday with tours of the Sharlot Hall Museum and the Highlands Center for Natural History. Several Board members from neighboring counties as well as sponsors and Administrative staff participated in the tours.

On Thursday, the County Supervisors Association (CSA) took every board member through a list of coalition priorities which included three resolutions, state budget considerations and fourteen proposals from Arizona Counties.

The resolutions included increased transportation investment, expanded access to broadband, and funding for our public safety pensions. The State budget considerations included eliminating the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections cost shift, restoring probation cost sharing, and reauthorizing flexible language in the State budget.

Yavapai County submitted four of the 14 legislative proposals and they included:

1. Granting the County Medical Examiner, the authority to authorize a Pathologist Assistant to perform autopsies under the supervision of a licensed physician.
2. Establishing Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) sensitive use areas that require the use of permits and reasonable restrictions on the number, times, and methods of OHV use.
3. Procurement contract modifications that specify any company that enters a contract with a public entity in Arizona, the following are deemed to be included in the contract.
 - a. The company is not engaged in a boycott of goods or services from Israel
 - b. The notification for cancellation of public contracts
 - c. The contractor or subcontractor is complying with employment eligibility requirements through the e-verify program.
4. Junk vehicle zoning enforcement - modified a counties ability to require remediation of junk vehicles from private property that constitute a hazard to public health and safety.



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Finally, on Friday morning all the Board members and their staff met within their respective Small, Medium, or Large Caucus for a final discussion. At 9:15 a.m. the Board members gathered for the final time to cast their vote. A 2/3 vote of approval was required to move a proposal forward. Yavapai County's proposals number one and three passed. Number two was withdrawn for further development and number four failed to garner enough votes to move forward.

County Supervisors Association Executive Director Craig Sullivan said, "I am very grateful to the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors for hosting their colleagues from across the state. Bringing county officials together like this is a productive way to talk about issues impacting local constituents and to find common ground on solutions. We look forward to working with state lawmakers on the policy proposals adopted at this meeting."

All the proposals and more information can be found at <http://www.countysupervisors.org/summit-material-test/>

The County Supervisors Association will now take up these priorities and begin working with the State Legislature over the coming months.



2021 CSA Summit held at the Prescott Resort



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Yavapai County Medical Examiner Dr. Nine presenting to CSA Summit on allowing Pathologist Assistant to perform autopsies.



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Medium Caucus meeting



Yavapai County Board of Supervisors final meeting and voting session.



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Yavapai County Board of Supervisors at the 2021 CSA Summit



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Board of Supervisors and staff at Sharlot Hall



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Board of Supervisors and staff at the Highlands Center for Natural History

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